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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION - NEW ZEALAND'S AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW,
JAMES H. WEIR

1. NEW ZEALAND MFA ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 7 THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES H. WEIR AS NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, EFFECTIVE ABOUT JANUARY 1977. WEIR JOINED MFA IN 1947 AND HAS SERVED IN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN NEW YORK, OTTAWA, CANBERRA AND WASHINGTON. HE WAS NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SINGAPORE FROM 1966 TO 1969 AND HAS BEEN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN MALAYSIA SINCE 1973.

2. BORN 1922, WEIR HOLDS MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN HISTORY FROM VICTORIA UNIVERSITY. HE IS MARRIED (MARY HELEN) AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.

3. RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE QUOTES NZ MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS SAYING "MR. WEIR IS ONE OF OUR MOST EXPERIENCED CAREER DIPLOMATS" AND "IS WELL QUALIFIED TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HEADING OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW".

4. WEIR IS NOT KNOWN TO AMERICAN STAFF AT EMBASSY.
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